

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ASSISTANCE UNDER AR 500-60**

#### **9-1. General.**

a. Policy. For policy regarding this subject, see ER 500-1-1, paragraph 9-1.

b. Procedures for DOD Support. If an MSC or district requires support that may be available from another DOD activity, it may request such support in accordance with that activity's procedures. An example of this would be obtaining a helicopter from a nearby Army installation or Navy base.

c. AR 500-60 Contracting. No emergency contracting is permitted under authority of AR 500-60 unless funds are provided by the requesting Federal activity. If a DOD activity requests a USACE district to provide contracting assistance, the contingency contracting policy and strategy of Chapter 11, ER 500-1-1, should be used to the maximum extent possible.

d. Stafford Act. ER 500-1-28, Response Planning Guide, and the Federal Response Plan should be referred to for USACE-FEMA coordination involving possible or actual Stafford Act mission taskings.

#### **9-2. USACE Procedures.**

a. MSC's will:

(1) Establish and maintain liaison with CONUS Army (CONUSA) commanders, CINC's, FEMA Regional Directors, USCG regional commanders, and other appropriate Federal, state, and local government agencies.

(2) Ensure that USACE procedures for disaster relief are coordinated with CONUSA or unified commanders.

(3) Ensure procedures are developed to provide engineering, construction management, and contracting support to engineer and troop units involved in disaster relief operations, when requested.

(4) Furnish CINC's and CONUSA commanders information on floods or other disasters or emergencies, and on activities undertaken by the USACE MSC and/or district.

b. Districts will:

- (1) Be prepared to provide assistance and support under AR 500-60.
- (2) Assist MSC's with points of contact at military installations within their Military boundaries.
- (3) Establish procedures to process requests for DOD resources in disasters and emergencies.
- (4) Establish procedures to provide engineering, construction management, and contracting support to engineer and troop units involved in disaster relief operations.
- (5) Furnish copies of situation reports to the CINC's, CONUSA commanders, and other appropriate agencies using the fastest electrical means available.

c. Activation and Employment of the 249th Engineer Battalion. MSC and district commanders do not have the authority to activate the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power). This authority rests at HQUSACE. Requests to use an element of the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) that is working within the MSC or district boundaries should be submitted to the UOC for action.